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EASLEY APPOINTS JOHNSON TO PHASE II TOBACCO TRUST FUND

RALEGH - Gov. Mike Easley appointed **Dr. Katherine McDonald Johnson** of Battleboro to the Phase II Tobacco Certification Board of Directors on August 15.

A native of Hamlet, NC, Johnson has been the president of Nash Community College since January 2000. From 1983-1999 she worked with Indian River Community College in Ft. Pierce, Florida and was vice president from 1996-1999. Johnson has also worked as director of admissions for the Florida Institute of Technology and as a history teacher in Martin County public schools in Stuart, Florida. She is a member of the Rocky Mount Chamber of Commerce, the Nash County Arts Council Advisory Committee and the Carolina Gateway Partnership. Johnson received her associate's degree from Florida Community College in Jacksonville in 1970, her bachelor's degree from the University of West Florida in 1972, her master's degree in education from the University of Montevallo in Alabama in 1976 and her doctor of education from Florida Atlantic University in 1991.

The Phase II Tobacco Certification Board oversees a plan to distribute nearly \$2 billion in non-taxpayer Phase II Trust funds to qualified North Carolina tobacco growers and quota owners.. That plan calls for the board to identify, locate and certify for payment more than 100,000 flue-cured and burley tobacco growers and quota owners statewide. The board is made up of 14 members, and the Governor appoints seven members. Each member serves a four-year term.